High selling price of power

†4909. SHRIKAPILSBAL:

SHRIRAJIVRANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a feet that rate of power on which it is sold to consumers, is more than the average generation cost of power in the country;

(b) if not, the average rate of power on which it is sold to industrial, commercial, railways and domestic users, who mostly consume maximum power in the country, and

(c) to what extent this selling price is more than the average generation cost?

TOE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMAO JAYAWANTIMEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) State Electricity Boards/Electricity Utilities purchase power mainly from National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC). The average cost of generation of energy for the year 2001 -02 in case of operating projects work out to about Rs. 1.43/kwh in case of NTPC and about Rs. 1.10/kwh in case of NHPC. As against this the average cost of supply for the year 2001-02 of the various utilities was 349.85 paise/kwh.

The tariff for various categories of consumers during the period 2001-02 were as under:

Amount in paise/kwh

Industrial	Commercial	Railways	Domestic
378.67	426.32	449.25	195.62

Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC)

4910. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the States to whom the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) is supplying electricity;

(b) the dues the States owe to DVC, State-wise;

(c) the strategy adopted by the DVC to recover the dues from those States; and

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